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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

June 28, 1963

MEMORANDUM TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

In my memorandum to you of August 17, 1962 you were advised that the President had given the Attorney General primary responsibility "for taking the initiative in the Government in ensuring the development of plans, programs, and action proposals to protect the internal security of the United States." This memorandum also referred to the assignment to the Attorney General of supervision of the two interdepartmental committees concerned with internal security and the functions and responsibilities of these two committees as defined in their charters issued by the National Security Council.

Since the issuance of this memorandum there has been a substantial decrease in the number of new problems introduced into the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) structure for consideration and resolution. It would be unrealistic to assume that such internal security problems no longer existed and consequently it appears that they are not being brought to the attention of the ICIS for reasons unknown to me.

It is imperative therefore that you cause to be reviewed within your department or agency those matters of an internal security nature which come within the purview of the ICIS responsibilities and refer them to the ICIS at the earliest possible moment so that this committee shall take the necessary action to insure the establishment and maintenance of the highest practicable state of internal security.

Difficulties have been encountered in the recent past when attempts have been made to obtain the services of representatives of some departments and agencies with the technical competence in the subject matter to be discussed by the ICIS. Your cooperation with the Chairman of the ICIS in assigning representatives from your staff when called upon to resolve technical problems before the ICIS is essential and will minimize the delay in getting knowledgeable department and agency representatives together.

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Attorney General

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Executive Director

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